

## MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

### I.—THE INDIAN VAMPIRE (*MEGADERMA LYRA*) FEEDING ON A PIPISTREL.

It is well-established that the Indian Vampire Bat is carnivorous, feeding chiefly on small bats and birds, but I record the fact once more as I actually saw this bat capture a Pipistrel in flight. There are several records in the *Journal* dealing with the food of the Indian Vampire (see vol. xvii, pp. 835, 1021).

While sitting by the bedside of a sick man one evening, a Pipistrel entered the room at about eight o'clock, the light was on. It seemed to be in an awful hurry, circling round the room at 'full speed'. Shortly after it entered, in came an Indian Vampire Bat and immediately chased the Pipistrel. The chase lasted about a minute before the Vampire caught the smaller bat. The Vampire carried the Pipistrel about for a little while, but in trying to get out of the door it dropped its prey. It re-entered the room to recover the lost meal, but as I had risen from my seat it took fright and left altogether. This observation was made in Poona.

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### II.—AN UNUSUAL TIGER.

The northern part of the Jaipur State is composed of two districts called Shekhawati and Torawati, the first of which consists mainly of sandy desert, and the second of bare stony hills, and a less likely area in which to get tiger, it would seem hard to find. Nevertheless in the year 1931 from reports received from villagers of cattle being killed and people being mauled, it became evident that a tiger had taken up its home near a place called Buchara, on the borders of Khetri, an important Chiefship in the Jaipur State, and as the Superintendent of Khetri had kindly offered to pitch a camp there, I decided to make an effort to shoot it. His Highness the Maharaja not merely gave the required permission, but was good enough to lend the help of the State Shikar Department, some of the shikaris from which were sent on ahead to make the local arrangements. As soon as word came in from them that there had been a kill and the tiger had been located, I set out for Buchara accompanied by my wife, and was there met by the Superintendent and his wife, and the minor Raja of Khetri. We reached Buchara in the morning and rode out to see the reported kill. We found on arrival that there had been no less than five